

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 10 have been objected to due to informalities. The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's objection.

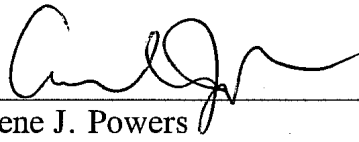
Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10 and 12-19 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,305,031. Attached hereto please find a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent therefrom are in proper form, and thus claims 1-3, 5 and 8-10, 12-17 and 19 should be considered in a condition for allowance.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Order Account No. 19-0079 for any further extension and/or fee that is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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